

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

SEAT BACK FOR A VEHICLE

SEAT COMPRISING AN INTEGRATED PROTECTIVE

**DEVICE** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

GROUP 3600 Prior to prosecution, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Please replace the present specification with the attached substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125. A marked-up version of the substitute specification showing all the changes to the specification of record is also attached.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24.

Please add the following new claims:

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(New) A seatback for a vehicle seat, the seatback having an 25. integrated protective device, comprising:

a lower back part adapted to be joined to a seat part;

an upper back part that is pivotable relative to the lower back part out of a normal use position, about an axis extending in the seatback transversely to a

longitudinal vehicle axis, through an angular range in a pivoting direction pointing 6